banquet, a very tame affair indeed if wines are not served. Wine is in the texture of the dinner and it is impossible to take it away without changing the whole character of the function.

During garden parties, of course, wines could be avoided but it must be understood that garden parties are not simply tea parties. Guests take part in out-door games like Badminton, Tennis etc., and will it not be hard not to offer them some wines after strenuous game? So, you see, we are simply doing what is absolutely necessary in this connection. As I had already stated, the host has to study the nature and habits of his guests and cater accordingly if his entertainments have to be pleasing.

Yet it must not be taken that these functions used to terminate in wild drinking and disorderly behaviour. Drinks used to be served only in strict moderation just sufficient to make the guests feel that their comforts have had the attention they deserved.

I have therefore to oppose this resolution.

Mr. K. Ayyappan.—He has not answered my main point. What about the example of America?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—It is illegal there.

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. അയ്യപ്പൻ.—ശവമ്മെണ്ടു് ഇതു് സ്വീകരിക്കുന്ന ഭാവം കാണുന്നില്ല. മഹാരാജാവു് തിരുമനസ്സിലെ അധികാരത്തിൽ കയ്യിടരുതു് എന്നു് ഒരു മെമ്പർ പറയുകയുണ്ടായി. ഈ നിയമം മഹാരാജാവിന്റെ അധികാരത്തിൽ കയ്യിടലാകുന്നതെങ്ങിനെയെന്നു മനസ്സിലാകുന്നില്ല. ഇതു് ഒരു ശുപാർശ മാത്രമാണു്. മദ്യം വിളമ്പായില്ലെങ്കിൽ അതിഥികളോടു മര്യാദകേടു കാണിച്ചതായി വരുമെന്നവിചാരിക്കുന്നതിൽ അർത്ഥമില്ല. ഏതായാലും ശവമ്മെണ്ടിന്റെ വിഷമം വരാതിരിക്കാനായി ഞാൻ ഇതിനെ പിൻവലിക്കുന്നു.

Resolution withdrawn with leave of the House.

8. Power to administer oath of Declarant in Affidavits.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—*This Council recommends that, members of the Legislative Council and the members of the Municipalities and the Panchayats be authorised to administer the oath of the declarant in affidavits to be filed in courts and offices.*

ഇതിൽ ജനങ്ങൾക്കു് വളരെ കഷ്ടപ്പാടുണ്ടാകുന്നുണ്ടു്. ക്ലാസ്സു്, ക്ലാസ്സു് നാഴിക വഴിനടന്നു് അഫിഡവിറു കൊടുക്കുന്നകാര്യത്തിൽ വളരെ ബുദ്ധിമുട്ടനുഭവിയ്ക്കുന്നുണ്ടു്. ബ്രിട്ടീഷു് ശവമ്മെണ്ടിലുംമറ്റും ഈ മെമ്പറന്മാർക്കു് അധികാരമുണ്ടു്. നാട്ടുകാരുടെ സൌകര്യത്തിനുവേണ്ടി ആ അധികാരം ഇവിടെയും കൊടുക്കേണമെന്നു ഞാൻ അപേക്ഷിയ്ക്കുന്നു.

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Mr. T. K. Nayar.—I second it.

Mr. Joseph Pettah.—I beg to support it. I do not think any long speech is necessary.

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—Government accepts the resolution, as regards the Legislative Council Members and Members of the Municipalities are concerned. Subject to that reservation, Government accepts the resolution. As regards the Panchayats the rule obtaining in British India does not include the Panchayat Members. The recommendation of the Chief Court also does not take in Panchayat Members.

Mr. Joseph Pettah.—Panchayat President?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—They already have the power here. I shall, to avoid further discussion, read the British Indian rule. "Affidavits intended for use in judicial proceedings may be sworn before any Court or Magistrate including a Village-Magistrate or a Sub Registrar Nazir or Deputy Nazir or Assistant Nazir or a Member of the Legislative Council of the Governor of Madras or a District or Taluk Board Member or Municipal Councillor or any person upon whom any title has been conferred by Government or a Commissioned Military Officer of the A. F. I. stationed in the Anamalais or the Manager of the Office of the Board of Commissioner for Hindu Religious Endowments or any Inspector working under the Board outside the city of Madras". There the thing stops.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—With this assurance I withdraw the resolution.

Resolution withdrawn with leave of the House.

Resolution No. 9.

As the following resolution was not moved it was considered withdrawn.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—"This Council recommends that the Chief Court of Cochin be made the High Court of Cochin and the Chief Court Vakils be made the Advocates of the High Court with all the privileges of the Advocates of the Madras High Court."

Concluding Remarks by the Deputy President.

Deputy President.—Hon'ble Members:

Before we disperse I am glad to place the following facts before you regarding this Budget Session. In all 314 questions were received of which 295 questions were answered and only 19 questions remain yet to be answered.

The second is the agility shown by the Shorthand writers. The speeches were sent to us for correction the very next day they were delivered. But I request the Hon'ble Members to return their speeches, duly corrected as early as possible to the Office. The Council Secretary did his work briskly by getting all our cut motions printed and placed before us sufficiently early for our discussion.

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